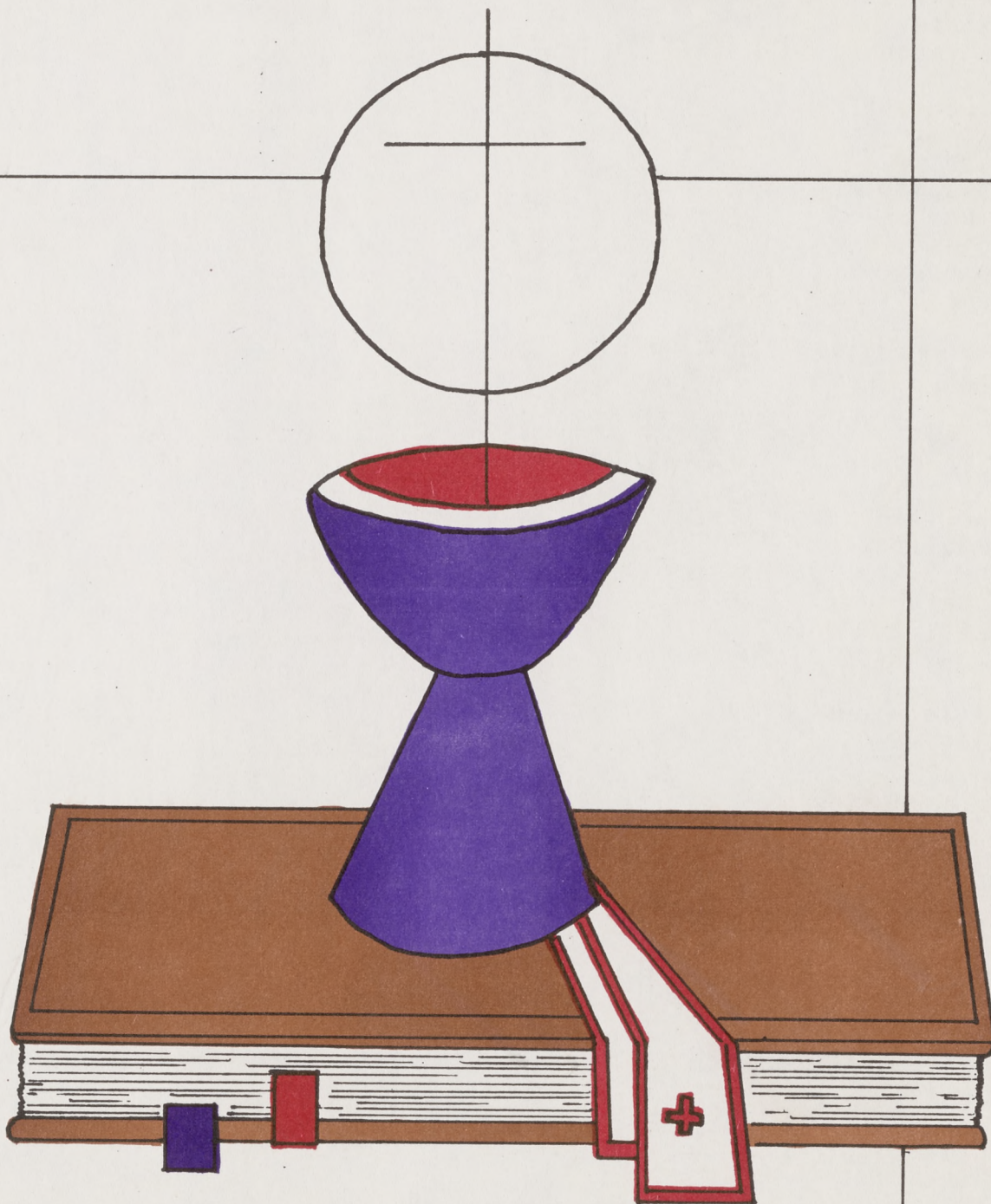


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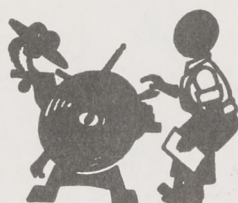
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Welcome

MEMBERS

24 Hours a Day - 7 Days a week
our Crisis Line is ready to serve
you. Maybe you'll never need it.
Maybe you will!



Hungry for the Bread of Life

READ PSALMS 1

Bible Thought: "His delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night" (Psalms 1:2).

GOD has blessed modern man in so many ways. He has given him a knowledge of medicine which has prolonged his life. He has given him the knowledge of science which has provided comforts beyond his fondest dreams. God has opened the world of art to give man beauty and creative expression. However, man has a greater hunger than all these gifts combined can satisfy. This hunger is spiritual and will be satisfied only by feasting on that which is spiritual.

During our Master's life this was a lesson to which he addressed himself repeatedly. The first temptation brings it out with great emphasis. "Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word which proceeds from the mouth of God." Christ is telling Satan that while man has physical hungers for such things as bread, the greater hungers are for the spiritual and can be satisfied only by God's Word. This leads us back to David's statement in the 1st Psalm: "His delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night."

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled" (Matthew 5:6).

Hymn: "Break Thou the Bread of Life."

Heavenly Father, we thank thee for creating man in your image; as one with an eternal spirit. Help us to nourish our spirits with your Word both day and night. In our Savior's name, we pray. Amen.

—WHIT HERRINGTON

WEDNESDAY IS THE DEADLINE!

This past week, due to the many extra printings for the General Conference and the coinciding of the monthly "In Unity", we went to press early with a shortened edition. If your article was submitted on time but didn't make it, or shortened, we are sorry and will attempt to include it next week. Most of you have been wonderful in submitting your articles. A few of you haven't.

If every group, club, organization, or office could appoint someone who is willing and capable of the responsibility, your items of interest will be here in Publications on time. Your cooperation is appreciated. We will soon begin a Who's Who column to introduce individuals to the readers. A photo along with the article of your favorite MCC member will be accepted.

We are STILL falling short on proof readers. We are striving for an errorless edition, but we need more eagle eyes to spot those little typos and mistakes. VOLUNTEER!!

Asst. Editor
Marty Seneca



A VIEW FROM THE PEW

"REVOLUTION! THEN AND NOW"

by Al Correa

I thought the hot weather was over with, but here it was again this morning. It wasn't bad though, from a spectators view. Fans were arranged by all the doors, one was in the choir stall, and it created a comfortable flow of air. At the pulpit, however, our clergy had difficulty concealing their discomfort.

Rev. Ken Jones welcomed us today, enjoining us not to consider MCC as a Catholic or a Protestant Church... but as a Christian Church. Rev. Lou Loynes, who has been away for several weeks, followed saying it was good to be back; he spoke of Social Justice, which was the section he chose for Responsive Reading.

Rev. Ploen led us in Silent and Pastoral prayer, saying "God, in whose presence burdens lose their heaviness, we thank You for Thy light shining in the darkness. We thank Thee for love divine that will not let us go. Accept the gratitude of our redeemed souls. Give to us something of the majesty of the mountainsthe inexhaustible friendliness of Thy heart..."

Our Pastor introduced new visitors, among them Gary & Howard from Arkansas; Millie from Manchester, England; and Kathy from Kansas City. Many guests were visiting for the first time--these were just the few Rev. Perry had been made specifically aware of. Isn't it exciting how many visitors from great distances appear each Sunday!

In his Sermon Rev. Perry reviewed the recent bombing of 3 more State buildings the past week, saying "We seem at times to be on the threshold of a revolution." He spoke of how such disruptions have sometimes led to military take-overs, of politi-

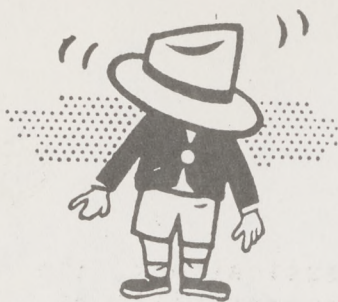
tical assassinations, the Manson family, the recent killings in San Quentin prison and the recent entrapment of a Unitarian minister.

Continuing, Rev. Perry said "I want to talk now about another kind of revolution that took place 2,000 years ago. Paul and Silas started their own revolution when they traveled from city to city preaching about a man who died for our sins... Jesus Christ." Speaking of a voyage to Thessalonica by the Apostles Paul and Silas he told us of the rioting that occurred after Paul and Silas spoke of Jesus at the Temple. The crowd set the city in an uproar, finally attacking Jason's house in an attempt to bring Paul and Silas out before the people, those 2 men "... who have turned the world upside down....!"

"That revolution continues today in this Church" said Rev. Perry, "yet the revolution is just beginning. We're being left in peace now, but as the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches continues to grow and become more powerful we may well face future persecution. I pray we'll all look ahead confidently, knowing that God will give US the battle." Rev. Perry's closing prayer asked for "...a revolution... not of shooting guns...but of renewed faith. Give us the guts and initiative to be Your Children."

New members were installed today because First Sunday will occur during General Conference. Thirteen Communicants were presented to the membership for acceptance, 12 as members (one woman, Rev. Evelyn Kinser and 11 men). Selma Kannel was accepted as the single Registered Friend.

The Social Committee prepared a brunch afterwards. Varieties of sandwiches, cold cuts, stuffed fresh tomatoes, jello and large glasses of cold iced tea. Not bad at all for \$1.50!



SEZ THE MAD HATTER

Did you imagine I'd write again this week? Did you get all your decorations out so that you'll know what to do? YOU DIDN'T? Shame on you.

Oh well, we'll just have to forge ahead without you. It's party time and all your decorations are gathered around you just waiting for you to put them in their place...now now, be nice. The first thing to determine is, which room will be the most used and is it the most appropriate one for the party? Once you've decided on the room, plan to use most of your decorations there; leaving just enough for your other rooms. Of course, if you only have one room then you won't have any problem, just loads of fun!

Which ever room you pick, remember that this is the room that most people will remember from the party.

Your party theme decorations should be placed about and secured first, then decorate, leaving space so that they will show up the best. If some of your games that you have planned (more about that later) can be used as part of the decorations, by all means use them. Leave no stone unturned.

For securing your decorations to the walls I've found that if MYSTICK tape is used it will do the job and will not peel the paint nor mar the walls, IF YOU'RE CAREFUL!

When using balloons, don't wait until the last minute because it takes awhile to blow them...naught, naught...up!

Banners and crepe paper streamers are quick and easy to use. Also, if you're careful, you can reuse them for the next party. All it takes is a little time and effort to reroll them.

If your party is outdoors, don't put streamers or balloons up until the last minute as the wind, if any, might blow...there's that word again, them away.

One thing you can do for an outdoor party, which isn't in the realm of decorations, but it will make for a successful party, and that is to pre-prepare your outdoor area so that bugs will not be present during the party. The formula is as follows: 4 hours before the party, spray all your trees and plants with Black Flag Bug and Insect Killer. Then just 1 hour before, respray, using Raid Yard Guard all around. By party time the only bugs around will be the ones you've invited.

Now, back to decorations...I'll let you use your imagination...remember, we talked about that last week....gee, such short memories, Well, just because it's you, I'll add a little more.

Look through all your closets...there may be something of yours that would make a dandy decorative piece for the party...not yourself for goodness sakes! If it's a conversation piece, all the better.

For those of you that might have some statuary...and who doesn't..., dress them up also. Hang decorations from the ceiling and from any lighting fixtures. Leave nothing out. Candles can also be used to create a decorative mood. There are a 100 and 1 things you can do, just let yourself go...decorative wise....silly.

Now, here's some food for thought....guess what next weeks' ramblings are going to be?...I'll leave it up to your taste buds.

Dick the Mad Hatter Durant

Jesus transformed death from a dead-end street into a gateway of life. - Adult Teacher

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY

Jerry Angus pulled off a fine surprise birthday party for his beloved, Ralph Parham on Aug. 28th. Several MCC members joined in the festivities.



KING OF KINGS

ANNO DOMINI

Rev. Jon Bullock

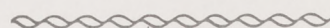
Just as Jesus found His spiritual roots and ancestry in the Jewish faith of His fathers, so the early Christian community had its antecedents in the Jewish religion. The Jewish religion flowed about its great seasons, feasts and special days; i.e., Passover, Day of Atonement, Pentecost, Feast of Tabernacles, etc. Of course the basic day of the religious calendar was the Sabbath and the weekly observance of the Sabbath was at the very heart of practice and devotion.

The original members of the Christian community were Jews. They continued to observe the Sabbath for awhile, although from the beginning they met early on Sunday morning for their distinctively Christian rites of worship which centered in the Eucharist or Holy Communion. Sunday, the first day of the week, was known as the "Lord's Day", as this was the day of the Resurrection. Each Sunday then continues to be a miniature Easter in our celebration of the Lord's resurrection. The adoption of Sunday, rather than Saturday, as the day for Christian worship was the first departure from the established Jewish calendar.

Just as Sunday found its significance in relation to a special event in the life of the Lord of the Christian community, so other days stood out in its celebration because of other special events in His life and theirs. The first such day was Pentecost. This was already an established festival day in the Jewish faith. It was on this day that Church was born, that the Spirit of Christ had possessed the first disciples as a body. So it was a day of great significance; after awhile Christmas was added. Thus the Christian year calendar centers about the three great events in the life and ministry of our Lord. Christmas; His birth; Easter; His Resurrection, Pentecost: His new body, the Church.

Since each of these festival days was to be prepared for, so very early in the life of the Church did special seasons of preparation enter into common acceptance and practice. Advent became the season of preparation for Christmas. Lent became the season of preparation for Easter in which the drama of redemption was ever re-enacted, especially in Holy Week as each day of the Lord's last week on earth was recalled and the special events of His passion remembered. Eastertide became the post-seasonal days of Easter as well as preparation for Pentecost. The season of Epiphany made its way into the year later, and when it did the great and major days and seasons were established. Thus, when the Christian community spoke of a certain year as "Anno Domini" they were celebrating each day of the year in the full context of their faith. The Christian year from its beginning, as today, was useful and practical in two major ways: First, it celebrated in preaching and teaching its full faith; Secondly, it was the basis of instruction, not only for its children, but for adults as well.

Perhaps the use of the Christian Year can best be appreciated in terms of a full symphony, a symphony being composed of various parts or movements, all related, yet each having some special theme with various shades of mood and meaning. Our rhythm of worship and faith in its celebration is geared to a symphonic arrangement as we celebrate the central theme of our redemption in Christ.



Earthquakes are foreign to Heaven, but the way we build here still matters there...

Do you know the Metropolitan Community Church Crisis number? It is manned 24 Hours a Day. In case of need, the Crisis Committee is there to help you. Do you know the number?

LONG BEACH PARISH

The September calendar of events for Long Beach Parish has been printed. There will be no meeting on Sept. 8. The next meetings will include a Roller-skating Party, the General Business Meeting & Bible Study and a Discussion Group on the Christmas Party with Special Guest Speaker Rev. Perry. They will be talking about the plans for the Future Long Beach MCC. Call Deaconess Karen at 633-8079.

Marcia, Dixie & Carrie. We will miss you, take care and hurry back real soon. Welcome to all new friends to the Long Beach Parish. You have brought us more strength and ideals to grow.

We had a very good discussion on drugs at Steve & Marshall's early last month. We had some views from past users and learned from a new friend how the outlook on drugs in Asia is very different.

Thank you, Art & Forey for hosting our discussion on MCC. The end of this month we should have a wider view. Our general meeting last month brought in 2 new officers to replace those not with us any longer. Asst. Editor: Dan Tullos and Social Director: Steve Scalf. Welcome aboard.

We will all be in church when our Deaconess Karen receives her new robewon't we? At our business meeting we will be planning for our mountain trip.

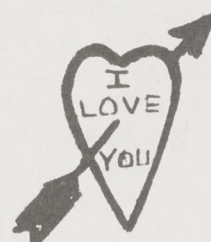


HULA DANCE CLASS
REMEMBER FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH
7:00 - 9:30 PM
M.C.C. DANCING CLASSES
COME*JOIN*THE*FUN



SILENT CHOIR DEBUTS

Our capable teacher and leader Carl Argila with his patience led us in our first performance Saturday before the General Conference and visitors with "The Lord's Prayer". We thank Carl and hope to continue to learn the deaf sign language by learning hymns. We meet Mondays.



TO MY LOVE

Deep in my heart are questions,
Whenever a day goes by;
And only time holds the answers
I find tears in my eyes.

Will you love me now?
Will you love me true?
Will you love me tomorrow
Even if the skies aren't blue?

Will you love me Art
When I'm old and gray?
Will your love never stop
On each passing day?

I love you dear heart
My husband so true
From the day my young heart
Was opened up to you.

It has been fourteen good years,
With Love, Work, and Play;
And God gave us each other
Till death do us part, I pray.

Happy Anniversary
Love - Kitty L.

LOS ANGELES COUPLES CLUB

by Al Correa

The Los Angeles Couples Club will hold their 11th monthly meeting at the comfortable hillside home of Art & Wally Sept. 10th at 7:30 PM. The Club will provide hamburgers, our gracious hosts will provide the buns and refreshments, so all we need now are you beautiful married folks to visit as Art and Wally's guests.

Since food will be provided we must ask you to RSVP no later than Sept. 7th so we can plan the munchies accordingly. A \$2 donation per couple will be necessary. If you have one of those Farberware smokeless grilles, please call me if you can bring it over so we can speed up the cooking.

No formal membership has ever existed for the LA Couples Club but at this party we're going to ask you to give us your names, if you wish to be recorded as a regular member. A membership list will be provided for all members who might wish to become better acquainted with one another on a more personal basis. We will be discussing the next meeting, too, which will be the 1st anniversary of the LA Couples Club - the oldest Couples Club of any MCC group.

Address: 3634 Primavera Ave., LA.
Host phone: 223-8081 or call me on 851-4395. RSVP date: no later than Sept. 7th.



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

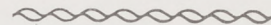
All who painted, paneled walls, cleaned, fixed, repaired and helped make our Mother Church ready we at MCC wish to gratefully thank you for your dedicated work.



MCC TREASURER'S WEEKLY REPORT

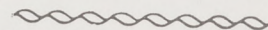
This week our pledges dropped 6% from last weeks to 32% or \$319.75. The loose offering was \$573.20 and the miscellaneous receipts through the week were \$280.00 for a total of \$1,172.95. Praise the Lord.

Pat Vestal
Church Treasurer



CANCELLATION

Regretfully we had to cancell plans for the opera Jesus Christ, Superstar. The supposed permission was not in evidence and the copy-writers warned of lawsuits if not observed.



DISCUSSION GROUPS

START THIS FRIDAY

Come and put in your "two cents".

It's at the Church, September 17 at 7:30 PM, WELCOME! Come and get acquainted with a small group. Talk things over. Make new friends.



MONDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH

7:30 PM SUICIDE ANONYMOUS
Seminary Room

7:30 PM SILENT CHOIR REHEARSAL
Choir Room

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH

OPEN

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH

7:30 PM KOOL-AIDS RAP SESSION

8:00 PM WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING
Main Sanctuary

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH

6:00 PM LITURGICAL CHOIR REHEARSAL
Choir Room

7:00 PM CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL

7:30 PM C.I.C. MEETING
Seminary Room

7:30 PM MCC MOTORCYCLE CLUB
Sommers Room

8:30 PM ALCOHOLICS TOGETHER MEETING
Social Hall

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH

7:00 PM HULA HULA DANCE CLASS
Social Hall, 627-5193 or
663-5809 after 7 PM

7:30 PM COUPLES CLUB MEETING
Art & Wally's RSVP: 223-8081

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH

7:30 PM BACK-TO-SCHOOL YOUTH DANCE
Horseshoe Theatre \$1.50
Floor Show & Dance Contest \$25 Prize

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH

8:30 AM LITURGICAL CHOIR REHEARSAL

9:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION

9:30 AM ACADEMY

9:30 AM COFFEE SOCIAL HOUR

10:00 AM CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL

10:30 AM SINGSPIRATION

10:45 AM CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
Seminary Class Room

11:00 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

7:00 PM CHRIST CHAPEL MCC COSTA MESA

7:00 PM MCC LA EVENING SERVICE